

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application in light of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

**Status of the Claims**

Claims 1-16 are pending. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Claims 12-16 have been added. No new matter has been added.

Applicants appreciatively acknowledge the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 4-7, 9 and 11. Added claim 12 corresponds to claim 4 written in independent form. Added claims 13-16 respectively correspond to claims 5-7 and 9, but depend from claim 12. Applicants submit that claims 12-16 are patentable and request that the Examiner pass these claims to allowance.

**Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 1-3, 8 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,657,593 to Nagumo et al. ("Nagumo") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,535,170 to Sawamura et al. ("Sawamura").

The Examiner contends that Nagumo discloses most of the features of claims 1-3, 8 and 10 including a monopole element with a parasitic element coupled to the signal ground. The Examiner acknowledges that Nagumo does not disclose a single matching element connected between the parasitic element and the signal ground. However, the Examiner cites Sawamura as disclosing a matching coil element 231 connected between the antenna element and the signal ground. The Examiner states it would have been obvious for a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine Nagumo and Sawamura to achieve the invention of claims 1-3, 8 and 10.





If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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